

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, March 24, 2020 for a regular business meeting. All members of the board were present: Spencer Shifflet, Dennis R. Tegtman, and Mike Sexton. Chairman Shifflet announced that the Open Meetings Act poster was correctly displayed and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting. Chairman Shifflet called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. On a motion by Mike Sexton, second by Dennis Tegtman, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented by the County Clerk. RCV: Shifflet, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Shifflet. On a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Mike Sexton, the claims for this meeting were approved for payment. RCV: Shifflet, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Shifflet.

GENERAL FUND

A.T. Towing service	250.00
ATC Comm. internet	44.95
Nicholas D. Becker weed board	80.00
Black Hills Energy gas service	699.01
Cellebrite Inc. court costs	2098.00
Charm-Tex jail supplies	43.90
City/Beaver City utilities	2727.12
Justin Daake PD contract	4958.33
Daake Law Office court costs	1100.00
DAS State data service	347.04
Marcy DeJonge mileage	379.60
EAKES Office supplies	131.79
Furnas Co. Dist. Court fees	216.00
Furnas County Sheriff EM dish	32.54
Teri Welsh Gould court costs	91.00
Harlan Co. Health jail medical	140.60
Hometown Leasing copier	490.09
Integrated Security inspections	161.00
Lancaster Co. Sheriff service fee	18.61
Norman D. Lewis weed board	80.00
Norman D. Lewis weed mileage	25.02
Kennis R. McClelland mileage, Postage & supply	183.08
Mid-American Benefits ins.	1786.26
Derek L. Mitchell court costs	480.00
Alan D. Mues weed board	80.00
Alan D. Mues weed mileage	28.75
NE Weed Control training reg.	120.00
Phelps County Sheriff jail board	225.00
Quill.com supplies	951.43
Red Willow Co.Sheriff service fee	18.61
Lisa M. Shifflet court costs	647.34
Becky Soderlund PT custodian	401.25
Norman Trosper weed board	80.00

GENERAL FUND

Wren Trosper weed board	80.00
Wren Trosper weed mileage	18.98
Don Vacha dispatch map	161.00
Todd Weverka mileage/phone	137.93
US Post Office election postage	375.00
Urbom Law Office court costs	25.00
Betty Oliver wages	139.70
Dorothy Bottrell wages	335.48
Ruth Ann Russell wages	578.80

Randy Brink deputy	1473.53
Douglas Brown sheriff	2318.05
Kendall Fassler deputy	1589.78
Connie Gustafson clerical	1343.00
Seth Gustafson deputy	1802.55
Alex Huntley deputy	1590.75
Shaun Muncy deputy	1651.28
Colin Rogers deputy	1561.34
Kyle Davis dispatcher	1021.07
Anita Donovan dispatcher	1294.57
Penny Gardner dispatcher	1310.47
Connie Gustafson dispatcher	39.06
Jennifer Rickert dispatcher	1333.06
Jennifer Rickert jail admin.	240.00
Sabrina Speth dispatcher	1238.67
MASTER CLAIM SALARIES	55393.57

911 REGULAR ACCOUNT

Century Link 21% recur	48.02
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911 SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Century Link 79% recur	180.64
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ROAD FUND

Black Hills Energy gas service	323.66
Chuck's Trailer container	3195.00
City/Beaver City utilities	317.08
Equipment Blades supplies	7123.90
Lance M. Harter Hwy. Supt.	645.83
Bert Jurey reimburse CDL	60.98
Lawson Products supplies	266.39
Long Island Redi-Mix rock	7149.92
Newman Signs supplies	2282.20
Twin Valleys PPD utilities	168.81
Mark Bose wages	1443.20
Tim Jauken wages	1443.20
Ethan Jenkins wages	1131.11
Bertie R. Jurey wages	1443.20
Harold L. Linner JR wages	1443.20
Justin Mowry wages	1443.20
Terry Stoddard wages	1443.20
Mark Weatherwax wages	1742.66
Tom White Wages	1443.20

Kyle Woodring wages	1443.20
Eric J. Youngquist wages	1497.32

Furnas Co. Sheriff July'19 towing	250.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff July'19 phone	150.00
Frontier Comm. 911 fee	274.23
Connie Gustafson surplus	200.00
Hughes Networks 911 fee	3.00
Compliance Solutions 911 fee	4.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff Aug'19 phone	80.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff Sept'19 phone	450.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff Oct'19 phone	150.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff Nov'19 phone	130.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff Dec'19 phone	60.00
SYNDEO LLC 911 fee	1.00
ATC Hend-Arap-Holb 911 fee	766.15
NE Pub. Serv. Comm. 911 fee	4351.05

RECEIPTS

Furnas County Clerk fees/docs.	1751.96
Village/Holbrook contract law	1250.00
Furnas County Clerk copy fees	56.25
Marc Longsine dumpster fee	100.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff June'19 phone	350.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff July'19 VINs	290.00
Furnas Co. Sheriff July'19 misc	2655.30
Furnas Co. Sheriff July'19 guns	15.00

On a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Mike Sexton, the group health insurance was renewed, with NACO Benefit Services as our insurance agency. The effective renewal date is May 1; employees will be receiving new cards. RCV: Shifflet, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Shifflet.

Four motor vehicle exemptions were approved, on a motion by Mike Sexton, second by Dennis Sexton. RCV: Shifflet, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Shifflet.

Gene Witte, Chairman of the Furnas County Veterans Service Committee, met with the County Board to seek approval of the newly appointed Veterans Service Officer, Michael T. Simmonds. Per the agreement, Furnas and Red Willow will share this Service Officer. On a motion by Mike Sexton, second by Dennis Tegtman, approval was given. RCV: Shifflet, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Shifflet.

Two agreements with the NDOT providing for reimbursement to the County Surveyor for work involved in perpetuating of land survey corners and the establishment of witness corners, for upcoming NDOT projects, were approved, on a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Mike Sexton. RCV: Shifflet, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Shifflet.

On a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Mike Sexton, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, Furnas County is preparing for the possible illness of county staff and staff family as a result of the novel COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of Furnas County to provide additional sick leave to ensure that county services remain uninterrupted should the global COVID-19 pandemic infect citizens of Furnas County, Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the benefit of county staff to remain home if they believe they are infected with COVID-19 as to limit exposure and infection of other county staff; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

1. All employees, regardless of the length of service with the County, shall be granted 80 hours of "Special COVID-19 Sick Leave".
2. Special COVID-19 Sick Leave shall be used by an employee if they OR a close family member/dependent who resides with the employee, is diagnosed by a medical provider with COVID-19 infection. Medical evidence of infection is required to be provided to the employee's department head.

3. Special COVID-19 Sick Leave shall also be available to an employee that is feeling ill or has reason to believe that they are infected with COVID-19 yet has been unable to be tested to confirm infection of themselves or a close family member/dependent who resides with the employee. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that employees who reasonably believe that they are infected with COVID-19 remain home and do not risk infection of other staff until the risk of infection has passed. Leave under this paragraph shall be limited to 36 hours unless medical evidence of infection is provided to the department head.
4. Special COVID-19 Sick Leave shall not be used for other illnesses or injuries. Unused Special COVID-19 Sick Leave shall NOT be credited towards an employee's other sick leave or PTO.
5. Special COVID-19 Sick Leave may be extended, terminated, or modified by the Furnas County Commissioners at any time for any reason.
6. All leave taken pursuant to this resolution must be reported to the County Clerk each week that the policy remains in effect
7. All leave taken pursuant to this resolution shall be credited to each departments budget as employee wages.

Passed and approved in regular session this 24 day of March 2020.

ATTEST:

Kennis R. McClelland
County Clerk

Furnas County Commissioners:

Spencer Shifflet
Dennis R. Tegtman
Mike Sexton

On a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Mike Sexton, the following Furnas County, Nebraska State of Emergency was approved. RCV: Shifflet, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Shifflet.

FURNAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA STATE OF EMERGENCY

Furnas County, Nebraska with the inclusion of The Cities of Arapahoe, Beaver City, Cambridge and the Villages of Edison, Hendley, Holbrook, Oxford and Wilsonville, along with Arapahoe Public Schools, Cambridge Public Schools and Southern Valley Public Schools and the Businesses including Tri Valley Health Systems Clinic and Hospital located within Furnas County, have the potential of suffering from county wide damages resulting from the Corona Virus event(s) that has/will occur beginning January 31, 2020 and ongoing indefinitely causing disruption of services, costs incurred, prevention and protection and the endangerment of health and safety of the citizens and businesses of Furnas County.

Therefore the Chairman of the Furnas County Board of Commissioners has declared a State of Emergency authorized under Nebraska State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50 on behalf of Furnas County, and will execute for and on behalf of Furnas County the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources he deems necessary in the fulfillment of his duties.

Kennis R. McClelland
Furnas County Clerk/Kennis R. McClelland

Spencer Shifflet
Furnas County Board Chairman
Spencer Shifflet

COUNTY CLERK OF
FURNAS CO. NEBRASKA
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

There was no further business before the board. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Shifflet. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 or subject to call.

Kennis R. McClelland
County Clerk

Spencer Shifflet
Chairman of the Board

